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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Monday, June 6, 2016
1:25 p.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ, CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN ALLAN DOMB
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
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COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILMAN AL TAUBENBERGER

BILLS 160115, 160245, 160249, 160303, 160365,
160468, and 160469

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1 6/6/16 - L&I - BILL 160115, etc.
2 or that people choose to loiter outside
3 in front of their business, but it is the
4 responsibility of the owner to tell
5 people they are not allowed to hang out
6 out in front of an establishment but for
7 so long. And if a business owner has
8 swept in front of their store and 30
9 minutes later a strong wind comes along
10 and blows more trash in front of their
11 store, guess what? We understand that
12 business owners are still responsible for
13 sweeping it up. It may be annoying on a
14 busy workday. It may be more than
15 annoying, but the bottom line is the
16 responsibility still falls on the
17 shoulders of the business owner and they
18 have to be held accountable if we ever
19 want all of our business corridors in the
20 City of Philadelphia to look as good as
21 Germantown Avenue in Chestnut Hill or
22 Main Street in Manayunk, for example.

23 The 22nd Street business
24 corridor is a melting pot of
25 nationalities who come together at our

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2 business association meetings to work in
3 sync with each other. We have Hispanic
4 business owners, Arabic business owners,
5 African business owners, African American
6 business owners, Asians, and even a
7 couple Italian business owners still on
8 22nd Street. When it comes to the stop
9 and go's along our corridor, of which we
10 have four, they are all owned by Asian
11 Americans. Recently, the Business
12 Association, as I noted earlier, met with
13 the President of the Asian American
14 Licensed Beverage Association, AALBA, and
15 some of their members to discuss concerns
16 we have about the stop and go's along
17 North 22nd Street and in that immediate
18 area about their lack of cleanliness,
19 loitering, and people urinating outside
20 on the sides of their buildings.

21 Adam Xue, President of the
22 Asian American Licensed Beverage
23 Association, has made a commitment that
24 stop and go's that are members of his
25 organization will work by a new set of

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2 standards and mandates that his
3 organization has come up with to become
4 better neighbors to other businesses and
5 to become better neighbors to the
6 community. We believe that's a great
7 step forward, but we understand that all
8 stop and go's are not members of the
9 Asian American Licensed Beverage
10 Association, and it is those stop and go
11 owners who most of all need to clean up
12 and fix up their businesses and clean up
13 their act.

14 That's a further reason why the
15 North 22nd Street Business Association
16 and the Allegheny West Foundation feels
17 the City needs a new law put into place
18 that has more teeth to it that can put
19 business owners on the hot seat, so to
20 speak, if they don't keep their
21 businesses clean and neat.

22 Getting business owners to take
23 better care of what their business looks
24 like and what the sidewalks look like
25 outside in front of their businesses is